# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:716
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PROTECTION OF HARAPPAN SITE AT DHOLAVIRA
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a notification was issued to invite objections to protect the Harappan site at Dholavira in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of objection received;

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(d) the amount released till date for maintenance of the site at Dholavira; and

(e) the time by which this is likely to be declared as a National Monument?

## Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) A preliminary notification inviting objections has been issued under the provisions of the Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(b)& (c)The District authorities have pointed out that portion of the land proposed for protection is notified reserved forest land. Action has been initiated to denotify the forest land.

(d) An amount of Rs.16.15 Lakhs has been spent on conservation of excavated remains upto March, 2000 and an amount of Rs.5.07 Lakhs has been allocated for this purpose during the year 2000-2001.

(e) In view of the various stages involved in the finalization of the notification process with the State Government, it may not be possible to indicate any specific time frame in this regard.